

Morgantown Fire Department

300 SPRUCE STREET
MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA 26505



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

7 STREET FIRES OVERNIGHT, THREE PARKED VEHICLES DESTROYED

September 30, 2012

Investigators from the Morgantown Fire and Police Departments are investigating a series of seven street set fires that occurred late Saturday night and into early Sunday morning. The last street fire reported at 6:57 a.m., in front of 725 Cass Street, spread to three parked vehicles. A 2003 Dodge Dakota, a 2006 Chevrolet Canyon, and a 2000 Chevrolet Lumina were all destroyed by the fire. The house at 725 Cass Street suffered minor heat damage to the exterior. Investigators believe the fuel tank on the Dodge Dakota ruptured as the burning furniture ignited the rear tires of the vehicle. The burning gasoline then spread to two other parked vehicles. Remnants of several burnt mattresses were also found at 725 Cass Street. All of the vehicles were determined to be total loss, with an initial damage estimate of \$35,000 for the vehicles, and \$1,000 for house.

Another fire in front of 700 Cass Street was reported at 5:19 a.m., and five other fires were reported at the following locations: 200 block of Grant Avenue, North Spruce Street, McLane Alley, 300 Block of Grant Avenue, and the 100 block of Jones Avenue. Investigators have not determined if there is any connection between the fires at 700 and 725 Cass Street.

Anyone with information about the fires should call the Morgantown Arson Tip-Line at [304-225-3586](tel:304-225-3586).

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